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## Business Notices.

























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POSTPONEMENT.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE arranged for To-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) has been POSTPONED until FRIDAY Next, the 11th Instant, at 5.15 p.m.

R. M. GIBSON, M.B., Secretary.

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 500

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be Held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 21st March, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the Subjoined Resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 28th February, 1898, will be Submitted for Confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by eliminating therefrom the word 'February' and substituting therefor the word 'March.'

That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words 'or Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fund' in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words 'and Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fund' in the seventh line of the said Article.

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words 'and subject to the provisions of Articles 121A and 121B' immediately after the word 'sum' and before the word 'be' in the fourth line of such Article.

That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121, and be numbered Articles 121A. and 121B.

121A.—'Although the Reserve Fund may amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the Directors may nevertheless at their discretion from time to time appropriate a portion of the net income and profits earned by the Company in any one year to the formation of an additional Reserve Fund, to be called "Extra Reserve Fund."'

121B.—'The monies standing at the Credit of the Extra Reserve Fund may be applicable for the equalisation of dividends, and such monies or some portion thereof, may, whenever the Directors shall think fit be appropriated towards the equalisation of dividends.'

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 28, 1898. 433

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the CONSULAR DISTRICT OF CANTON, which includes SAMSHUI, WUCHOW, MACAO, SWATOW, HOIHOW and PAKHOI, are REQUESTED to REGISTER at this CONSULATE either Personally or by Certificate setting forth the Date and Place of Birth and last Residence in the United States.

The Advantages of Registration are obvious and may prove of value in time of need.

There is no fee or charge for Registration.

EDWARD BEDLOE, U. S. Consul.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE, Canton, China, 1st Feb., 1898. 363

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business Contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1897, on or before the 15th March, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, HUGH J. ROSS, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 28, 1898. 447

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned FIRMS have THIS DAY been Amalgamated and will in future carry on the BUSINESS under the Name and Style of SANDER, WIELER & Co.

All Assets and Liabilities of the Former Firm have been taken over by the New FIRM.

SANDER & Co., WIELER & Co., OFFICE, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 10.

Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 437

WANTED.

AN INDIAN or CHINESE CLERK, who can Write ENGLISH well, and also Speak and Write CHINESE in a reliable manner. Apply (in Own Handwriting), Stating age, qualifications, and Salary expected, to

'A. A. A.,' CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Hongkong, March 9, 1898. 511



THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given in Pursuance of Section 38 of the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong, No. 1 of 1877, that the First Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held in the COMPANY'S OFFICE No. 9, Praya Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 14th day of March, 1898, at NOON.

The Meeting originally advertised for SATURDAY, the 12th March, is unavoidably postponed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES B. DUNCAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 3, 1898. 417

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE of 12 SHARES Numbered 4,142/4,143 and 4,569/4,578 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. GUADALUPE ROCHA having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 12 SHARES will be issued One Month hence and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 430

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Twentieth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be Held at the Offices of the General Agents, at Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 23rd March, both inclusively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 411

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
Under the Direction of Mr ROBERT BROUGH.
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THE
BROUGH COMEDY CO.

'TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY),
March 10th.
Commencing at 9 p.m.

'A VILLAGE PRIEST,'
'A VILLAGE PRIEST,'
'A VILLAGE PRIEST.'
By SYDNEY GRUNDY.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
11th and 12th March,
'AN IDEAL HUSBAND,'
'AN IDEAL HUSBAND,'
'AN IDEAL HUSBAND.'
By OSCAR WILDE.

MONDAY and TUESDAY,
14th and 15th March,
'THE SOLICITOR,'
'THE SOLICITOR,'
'THE SOLICITOR.'
An Original Farcical Comedy, by
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PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

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| DRESS CIRCLE and ORCHESTRA STALLS ... ... ... | $3.00. |
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| PIT ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | $1.00. |

SOLDIERS in UNIFORM—Half-Price to Pit only.

Doors Open 8.15; Curtain 9.

Box PLAN now Open at The ROBINSON PIANO Co. WAREHOUSE.

A late Tram for the Peak will leave each Evening fifteen minutes after the termination of the performance.

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 480

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 12th March, 1898, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sale's Rooms Duddell Street,—

(Removed for convenience of Sale),—

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—

TAPESTRY & PLUSH COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED MIRROR, LARGE CYLINDER WRITING DESK, INLAID JAPANESE CABINET, ORNAMENTS, CURTAINS, RUGS, ETC., ETC.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, and FINE SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER and DESSERT SETS, CUTLERY, GLASS WARE, ETC.

DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES with GLASS DOORS, DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, PANTRY and BATHROOM REQUISITES, ETC., ETC.

*Also,*

SOME PIECES of CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE.

*And,*

ONE LADY'S BICYCLE IN GOOD CONDITION.

On view from *Friday*, the 11th Mar., 1898. Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
*Auctioneer.*

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 486

## Intimations.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be Held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, on TUESDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897, Declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to to 22nd March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
*General Managers.*

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 504

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LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Sixteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be Held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder Street, at 12.30 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st Dec., 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
*General Agents,*

Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 444

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE of BRADLEY & Co. has THIS DAY been REMOVED to the FIRST FLOOR of No. 4, PRAYA CENTRAL, (the premises lately occupied by Messrs. WIELER & Co), Next Door to Messrs. SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 482

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that a Second Final Return of Capital, amounting to $2.75 PER SHARE, has been declared in this matter.

Upon delivery of Scrip to the LIQUIDATOR for Cancellation at his OFFICE on or after the 21st Instant, each SHAREHOLDER will receive an Order on the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION in full Settlement of his CLAIM against the Company.

SHAREHOLDERS who have not Collected yet the First Return of Capital, amounting to $7.50 per SHARE, Declared on the 31st August, 1894, are requested to do so without further delay to enable the final winding-up of this Company.

J. GOOSMANN,
*Liquidator,*
Care of Messrs. MELCHERS & Co.,
Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 503

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYEING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST INSTALMENT of $20 per SHARE on the SHARES in above Company becomes DUE on the NINETEENTH Day of March next, and PAYMENT thereof must be made to the BANKERS of the COMPANY, viz, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before that Date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
*General Managers.*

Hongkong, February 18, 1898. 352

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THE CHINA MANILA S. S. CO., LIMITED.

THE Fifteenth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be Held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 21st March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1897, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
*General Managers.*

Hongkong, March 1, 1898. 445

## To-day's Advertisements

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, Mexican Dollars, current in this Colony, and weighing 7.1.7, in Exchange for STERLING BILLS, drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY, LONDON, will be RECEIVED by the CHIEF PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, until 11 a.m., on MONDAY, the 14th Instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required (in *Pounds Sterling*), and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed 'Tenders for Government Bills.'

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

E. H. GORGES,
COLONEL,
*Chief Paymaster*, China.

HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY OFFICE,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 9th March, 1898. 515

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, March 10, 1898.

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TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES—
'BAHAR LODGE,' at the PEAK.
HOUSE No. 5, RIPON TERRACE.
No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
GODOWNS in BLUE BUILDINGS.
GODOWNS, PRAYA EAST.
FLOORS in STAUNTON and ELGIN STREETS.
No. 16, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., LTD.

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 521

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FOR SHANGHAI AND CHINKIANG.

The Steamship
*Peiyang*,
Captain R. KÖHLER, will be despatched for the above Ports TO MORROW, the 11th Inst., at Noon.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 513

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN.

The Co.'s Steamship
*Deucalion*,
Captain BRANCH, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 442

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s steamship
*Haimun*,
Captain BATHURST, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 13th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
*General Managers.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 520

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE S. S. *Maria Valerie*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 17th March, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNISED.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 17th March will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 517

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

| *Destination.* | *Vessels.* | *Agents.* | *Date of Leaving.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Australian Ports ...... | Tainan (s) ............ | Butterfield & Swire... | Mar. 15, at 2 p.m. |
| Australian Ports ...... | Taiyuan (s) ............ | Butterfield & Swire... | Mar. 29, at 3 p.m. |
| Bremen & Ports of Call | Bayern (s) ............ | Norddeutscher Lloyd. | Mar. 30, at 9 a.m. |
| Chefoo & Newchwang. | Tamsui (s) ............ | Butterfield & Swire... | Mar. 11, at 2 p.m. |
| Kobe and Yokohama. | Yamaguchi Maru (s).. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha. | Mar. 18, at 4 p.m. |
| Kobé and Yokohama.. | Kanagawa Maru (s) ... | Nippon Yusen Kaisha. | Mar. 23, at 4 p.m. |
| London, v. Suez Canal | Prometheus (s) ......... | Butterfield & Swire... | March 14, at noon. |
| London, v. Suez Canal | Patroclus (s)............ | Butterfield & Swire.. | March 19. |
| London.................... | Japan (s)................ | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | About Mar. 19. |
| London.................... | Socotra (s)............... | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | About April 2. |
| London ................... | Borneo (s)............... | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | About April 6. |
| London & Ports of Ca. | Bengal (s)................ | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | Mar. 19, at noon. |
| London, v. Ports of Cal | Oopack (s) ............. | Holliday, Wise & Co.. | About Mar. 24. |
| Marseilles, v. Saigon | Natal (s)................ | Messageries Maritimes. | Mar. 12, at noon. |
| M'seilles, London, &c. | Tosa Maru (s) ......... | Nippon Yusen Kaisha. | Mar. 18, at 4 p.m. |
| Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma | Rohilla (s)............. | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | Mar. 20, daylight. |
| Nagasaki, Kobé & Y'm | Yamashiro Maru (s).. | Nippon Yusen Kaisha. | Mar. 28, at 4 p.m. |
| Nagasaki and Kobé.... | Peshawur (s) ........... | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | Mar. 12, at noon. |
| New York, v. Suez Canal | Benalder (s)............ | Shewan, Tomes & Co. | About April 5. |
| New York, v. Suez Canal | Ghazee (s) ............. | Dodwell, Carlill & Co | March 12. |
| Portland, Oregon, &c. | Braemar (s)........... | Dodwell, Carlill & Co. | Mar. 15, at noon. |
| Sandakan................ | Deucalion (s).......... | Butterfield & Swire... | Mar. 11, at 3 p.m. |
| S. Francisco, v. Japan | Venus (s)............... | O. & O. S. S. Co...... | Mar. 14, at 4 p.m. |
| S. Francisco, v. Japan | City of Rio de J'eiro (s) | Pacific Mail S. S. Co. | Mar. 23, daylight. |
| San Francisco.......... | West York............... | Shewan, Tomes & Co | Quick despatch. |
| Shanghai ................ | Chusan (s) ............. | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | About Mar. 18. |
| Shanghai and C'kiang. | Peiyang (s).............. | Siemssen & Co......... | March 11, at noon. |
| S'hai, Kobé & Y'hama | Energia (s)............. | Dodwell, Carlill & Co | About March 14. |
| S'hai, N'ki, K'bé & Y'ma | Ernest Simons (s) .... | Messageries Maritimes | About Mar. 14. |
| S'hai, N'ki, K'bé & Y'm. | Manila (s)............... | P. & O. S. N. Co...... | About Mar. 19. |
| S'pore Antwerp H'burg | Crefeld (s)............. | Norddeutscher Lloyd. | Mar. 14, at noon. |
| S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay | Idzumi Maru (s)........ | Nippon Yusen Kaisha | Mar. 22, at noon. |
| S'pore, P'nang & B'bay | Maria Valerie (s)....... | Sander, Wieler & Co... | Mar. 17, forenoon. |
| S'pore, Havre & H'burg | Erato (s) .............. | Siemssen & Co......... | Mar. 12, at 6 p.m. |
| S'tow, Amoy & T'foo. | Nanyang (s) ............ | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | Mar. 11, at daylight. |
| Swatow, Amoy & T'sui | Haimun (s) ............. | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | Mar. 13, daylight. |
| Sydney & Melbourne. | Tokio Maru (s)......... | Nippon Yusen Kaisha. | April 1, at 4 p.m. |
| Tacoma (Wash.), &c.. | Columbia (s)........... | Dodwell, Carlill & Co | April 5, at noon. |
| Tientsin.................. | Nanchang (s)........... | Butterfield & Swire... | Mar. 12, at 4 p.m. |
| Vancouver (B.C.), &c. | Empress of Japan (s).. | Canadian P'ic R. Co. | Mar. 16, at noon. |
| Wladivostock v. N'ki | Sagami Maru (s)....... | Nippon Yusen Kaisha. | Mar. 18, at 4 p.m. |
| Yokohama and Kobe.. | Gerda (s)................ | Siemssen & Co......... | Mar. 11, at 5 p.m. |
| Y'ma, Kobe & Moji... | Wakasa Maru (s)....... | Nippon Yusen Kaisha. | Mar. 12, at 4 p.m. |

## To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship
*Kutsang*,
Captain BRADLEY, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
*General Managers.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 522

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FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
*Benalder*,
POTTER, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th April.

To be followed by:—

S.S. *Merionethshire*, on or about 25th April.
S.S. *Queen Margaret*, on or about 10th May.
S.S. *St. Ninian*, on or about 25th May.
S.S. *Craigcarn*, on or about 15th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 519

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'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *BENVOIRLICH*.

FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWN, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 518

## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

March 9.

*Benvoirlich*, British str., 2,164, R. W. Thomson, London Jan. 20, and Singapore March 3, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

March 10.

*Kashing*, British str., from Canton.

*Peiyang*, German str., from Canton.

*Irene*, Chinese str., from Canton.

*Sishan*, British str., 845, J. Jenkins, Saigon March 5, Rice.—BRADLEY & Co.

*Erato*, German str., 2,807 J. Ostermann, Moji March 5, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

*Taicheong*, German str., 828, H. Ahrens, Deli and Singapore March 4, Kerosine Oil.—MEYER & Co.

*Haimun*, British str., 636, H. Bathurst, Tamsui March 6, Amoy 8, and Swatow 9, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

*Maria Valerie*, Austrian str., 2,648, R. Mitis, Kobe March 5, General.—SANDER, WIELER & Co.

*Wuhu*, British str., 1,250, Wm. Benson, Moji March 4, Coal.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Kachidate Maru*, Japanese str., 2,143, J. Narazaki, Kutchinotzu March 5, Coal.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

*Choysang*, British steamer, 1,194, G. H. Bowker, Shanghai March 6, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

*Turbo*, British str., 2,659, J. A. Moses, Shanghai March 7, Ballast.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

### DEPARTURES.

March 10.

*Fannie Skolfield*, for Mentone.
*China*, for Saigon.
*Thales*, for Coast Ports.
*Glaucus*, for Shanghai.
*Fushun*, for Canton.
*Kashing*, for Swatow.
*Taicheong*, for Amoy.

### CLEARED.

*Peiyang*, for Shanghai.
*Takao Maru*, for Kobe.
*Nanyang* for Swatow.
*R. R. Thomas*, for Manila.
*Apenrade*, for Haiphong.
*Jacob Diederichsen*, for Haiphong.
*Keong-wai*, for Swatow.
*Tancarville*, for Aroe Bay.
*Irene*, for Swatow.
*Taisang*, for Kobe.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Sishan*, from Saigon, 31 Chinese.

Per *Taicheong*, from Singapore, 72 Chinese.

Per *Haimun*, from Tamsui, &c., Mr and Mrs Castro, Mrs Borchardt, and 104 Chinese.

Per *Choysang*, from Shanghai, Mrs Meugens and children, Mr T. S. Monteith, and 14 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Yuensang*, for Manila, Messrs Duff, Drawhurst, Broxup, Brunschig, and Simpson.

### SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Sishan* reports: Fresh monsoon and heavy N'ly sea.

The British steamer *Haimun* reports: Moderate N.E. gale, high sea and overcast to Amoy; fresh N.E. wind, moderate sea, cloudy to Swatow; and fresh N'ly wind, moderate sea, cloudy, fine to port. March 8th, steamers in Amoy: *Ixion* and *Sabine Rickmers*. March 9th, steamer in Swatow: *Woosung*, and British gunboat *Redpole*.

The British steamer *Choysang* reports: Moderate to fresh N.E'ly winds and fine weather.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Apenrade*, at 8.30 a.m., on Friday, the 11th March.
Per *Hanoi*, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK.—
Per *Keongwai*, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For KOBE.—
Per *Taisang*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For SHANGHAI & CHINKIANG.—
Per *Peiyang*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For PORT WALLUT.—
Per *Pantiay*, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Tritos*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.
Per *Hanoi*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.
Per *Toyo Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG.—
Per *Tamsui*, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For SANDAKAN.—
Per *Deucalion*, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per *Gerda*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Loyal*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 11th March.

*MAILS* BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Natal* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 12th March, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

*MAILS* BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *Venus* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 14th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.00 P.M. Registry ceases.
3.00 P.M. Post Office closes.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, Mar. 10, 1898.

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| OPIUM— | New Patna, cash, ... | 715 |
| ,, | Old ,, cash, ... | 717½ |
| ,, | New Benares, cash, | 707½ |
| ,, | Old ,, cash, ... | 720 |
| ,, | New Malwa, credit, | 780 |
| | Allowance Taels, ... | 0/48 |
| ,, | Last Year, ........... | 770/780 |
| | Allowance, Taels, ... | 0/24 |
| ,, | Old Malwa credit, ... | 880/890 |
| | Allowance, Taels, ... | 0/16 |
| ,, | Persian, Oily, cash, ... | 650/660 |
| | Allowance, Taels, ... | 0/8 |
| ,, | Persian, Paper tied ... | [illegible] |
| | Allowance, Taels, ... | [illegible] |

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

### Shipping.

Daylight.—*Nanyang* leaves for Swatow.
Noon.—*Peiyang* leaves for Shanghai.
2 p.m.—*Tamsui* leaves for Chefoo.
3 p.m.—*Deucalion* leaves for Sandakan.
5 p.m.—*Gerda* leaves for Y'hama.

### Meeting.

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of the Alice Memorial Hospital Finance Committee.

### Amusements.

9 p.m.—Brough Comedy Co. at the City Hall.

### Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Sunda* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 12:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's.
9 p.m.—Brough Comedy Co. at the City Hall.

MONDAY, March 14:—
11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills received by the Chief Paymaster.
Goods per *Peshawur* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Transfer Books of The Green Island Cement Co., Limited, from this date to the 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

TUESDAY, March 15:—
Goods per *Bayern* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 16:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Gap, Victoria Peak.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

THURSDAY, March 17:—
Goods per *Gerda* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Maria Valerie* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Benvoirlich* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 19:—
First Instalment of $20 per Share of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning Weaving and Dyeing Co., Ltd., due.

SUNDAY, March 20:—
10 a.m.—Tenders for Provisions, &c., received at R.N. Hospital.

## Exchange

HONGKONG, March 10, 1898.

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| On London— | |
| Bank, Wire, ... ... ... ... | ...1/10 |
| ,, On demand, ... ... ... | ...1/10⅛ |
| ,, 30 days' sight, ... ... ... | ...1/10¼ |
| ,, 4 months' sight, ... ... | ...1/10⅜ |
| Credits, 4 ,, ,, ... ... | ...1/10½ |
| Documentary, 4 months' sight, | ...1/10½ |
| On Paris— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 2.32 |
| Credits, 4 months' sight, ... | 2.36 |
| On Berlin—Demand, ... ... ... | 1.87 |
| On New York— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 44⅝ |
| Credits, 60 days' sight, ... | 45⅛ |
| On Bombay— | |
| Wire, ... ... ... ... ... | 137 |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 137½ |
| On Calcutta— | |
| Wire, ... ... ... ... ... | 137 |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 137½ |
| On Singapore— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 1% pm. |
| On Manila— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 9% pm. |
| On Shanghai— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 74⅝ |
| 30 days' sight, (private paper) | ... 75⅜ |
| On Yokohama— | |
| On demand, ... ... ... ... | 10% pm. |
| Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael), ... | [illegible] |
| Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) | ...$10 72 |
| Silver (per oz.) ... ... ... ... | ...25⅛d. |

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| 2 ,, ,, ... ... ... | 4.25 |
| 1 ,, ,, ... ... ... | 2.25 |
| Pint tins ... ... ... | 0.50 |

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BIRTH.

On 3rd March, at 8, Woosung Road, Shanghai, the Wife of JAMES M. ROBB, of a Son.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 6 10 p.m.*

# The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1898.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

### STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Oopack*, Jan. 14; *Devonshire*, 18; *Gisela*, 28; *Hounslow*, Feb. 4; *Alton*, *Latona*, *Yarrowdale*, 11; *Rose Castle*, 15; *Shanghai*, *Telamon*, *Manila*, *Monmouthshire*, *Oolong*, *Andalusia*, *Arcadia*, 16 to 18; *Bengloe*, *Bowhead*, *St. Mary*, *Wally*, 22; *Salazie*, *Queen Olga*, *Queen Margaret*, 25; *Poseidon*, *Antenor*, *Candia*, *St. Andrews*, March 1; *Formosa*, *Macduff*, *Kintuck*, *Priam*, *Glenturret*, *Rugby*, 4; *Thekla*, 8.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Malacca*, Feb. 8; *Myrmidon*, *Niobe*, 11; *Saghalien*, *Benledi*, *Kriemhild*, *Della*, 16; *Preussen*, 22; *Ceylon*, *Yarra*, *Port Adelaide*, March 8.

*Mails.*

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Ernest Simons*, with the FRENCH MAIL of 11th February, left Singapore on Monday, the 7th March, at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 14th March. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on January 5th.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of 12th Feb., left Yokohama on Sunday, the 6th March, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 14th March.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Gaelic*, with mails, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 22nd Feb.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on Thursday morning, the 3rd March, for Hongkong, and usual ports of call.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *City of Peking*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 3rd March.

*Steamers Expected.*

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Wakasa Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 5th March, and is expected to arrive here on the 11th March.

The s. s. *Energia*, from New York, left Singapore on the 6th March, and is due here on or about the 12th March.

The N. L. extra s. s. *Crefeld* left Yokohama on Sunday, the 6th March, and is expected here on or about Saturday, the 12th March.

The O. S. S. Co.'s str. *Menelaus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 9th March, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 14th March.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Yamaguchi Maru* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 8th March, and is expected to arrive here on the 14th March.

The s. s. *Catherine Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 8th March.

The H. A. L. str. *Andalusia* passed Suez Canal on the 18th Feb., and may be expected here about the 15th March.

The s. s. *Bormida* left Bombay on the 27th Feb., and may be expected to arrive here about the 19th March.

The E. & A. s. s. *Menmuir*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 4th March for Timor and this port.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Mogul* sailed from Portland on the 13th Feb., for Japan and Hongkong.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 17th Feb., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 10th March.

*Latest Advices.*

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of India* arrived at Vancouver at 6.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 8th March.

A CHINESE contractor has been arrested by the Police on a charge of tendering a bribe to a foreman of works on the Praya Reclamation.

ABOUT 200 railway engineers and stokers in the employ of the Japan Railway Company went on strike on the 24th Feb., causing the traffic to be much interrupted.

COMMANDER Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, held an inquest to-day, in Victoria Gaol, into the circumstances in connection with the death of a prisoner who was detained in prison, on remand, under medical observation, in connection with a case of assault. A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, that the cause of death was chronic bronchitis, was returned.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council has given notice of the following motion to be proposed at the annual meeting:—'That the Council be and is hereby authorised to consider the expediency of the establishment of a system of electric tramways in the streets of the Settlement and in its discretion to formulate a scheme for ratification by the Ratepayers by which the system be carried into effect.'

THIS morning an interesting little ceremony took place at the office of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., the members of the Eastern Staff of the Society presenting an address to Mr N. J. Ede, who is shortly retiring from his post as Secretary, a post he has held for the last twenty-seven years. Mr Ede will not be leaving Hongkong until May, but the opportunity was taken of the presence here of Mr Douglas Jones to present the address, which was accompanied by a souvenir in the shape of a gold watch.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At Kowloon—Kwanglee, Martha, Batuah, Progress, Daphne, Clara, Sullberg.
Aberdeen.—(None).
Cosmopolitan.—Deucalion, Coptic, Wootan.

Very fine, New Waltz by A. G. Ward, 'Pearl of the East.'—Robinson Piano Company.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was married on 10th March, 1863.

*** BLACK BISHOP'S Chess Column will be found on the 5th page.

THE Colonial Secretary has received a telegram from the British Consul at Batavia that Hongkong has been declared an infected port.

THE death rate in Hongkong for the week ended 26th February was 29.1 per 1000, per annum, as compared with 20.9 in the corresponding period last year.

THE Shanghai A. D. C. produced the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Lyceum on the 3rd inst. Admiral Seymour and Tsai Taotai were among the audience. The performance is praised by the press.

THE native-made matches in Hankow having been in such great demand, a new Chinese company is being formed for the manufacture of soaps. There is need for native soap factories all over China, adds the *Mercury*.

A CADDIE employed by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, who was arrested while diverting himself during leisure moments in gambling, outside the Club Pavilion, was brought before Commander Hastings, at the Magistracy to-day, and fined $3.

THANKS to the exertions of the German Minister (says the *P. and T. Times* of the 19th Feb.), foreign imports going to the interior under transit pass may in future be sold on their way to their destination. [This is a question that might well be raised by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce which watches so ably over the interests of foreign trade in South China.—ED. *C.M.*]

WE are informed by the local management of the joint telegraph companies that owing to the continued interruption of the Spanish Government landlines between Bolinao and Manila and the interruption of all postal communication between those places, telegrams are being despatched by steamer *via* Amoy, &c.

AT to-day's meeting of the Sanitary Board a letter was read from the Medical Officer of Health recommending the Board to inform the owner of the two ground-floor rooms of the premises at No. 1 Chuk Hing Lane, that the rooms are so dark and ill-ventilated as to be unfit for human habitation, and that the Board make application to the Police Magistrate to prohibit their use for human habitation.

AT the Magistracy to-day, Commander Hastings passed an exemplary sentence upon a boatman who had three rifles, five revolvers and a quantity of ammunition in his boat, in the harbour, and was not possessed of the requisite licence. He imposed a fine of $100, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, and ordered the arms and ammunition to be confiscated.

THE Band of The King's Own Regiment will play the following Programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, on Friday evening next, the 11th of March, commencing at 8 p.m.

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| 1.—Overture ... | 'La Fille Du Regiment' | *Donizetti.* |
| 2.—Selection ... | 'Little Christopher Columbus' | *Ivan Caryll.* |
| 3.—Valse ....... | 'Die Prager' | *Gung'l.* |
| 4.—Lancers ..... | 'The Mayflower' | *Liddell.* |
| 5.—Selection ... | 'American Melodies' | *Kappey.* |
| 6.—Valse ....... | 'Laura' | *Millöcker.* |

God save the Queen.

A POLO match was played on Wednesday afternoon, the sides being:—*Over 30*—Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Major Gawne, Captain McLachlan, and Capt. Paton; *Under 30*—Messrs Des Voeux, Nugent, Landale and Johnson. Capt. Burney, R.A., was umpire, and Colonel the O'Gorman timekeeper. The game (which was one by the Over 30 side) produced plenty of incident, and was exciting from start to finish.

AT the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon, it was reported that the epidemic of smallpox was on the wane only one case having come to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health during the last five days. The total number of cases reported since the 1st January was 157. In the districts declared infected plague cases had shown, and it was decided not to withdraw the declaration, although neither disease is now present in epidemic form.

A LONDON correspondent writes to the *N.-C. Daily News* pointing out the danger to the future development of Shanghai if Great Britain annexes the Chusan Islands and establishes a free port there on the lines of Hongkong. A writer of local notes in the *Mercury* comments as follows:—The warning in this morning's correspondence *re* Chusan is worth more than passing attention. Those of a pessimistic turn of mind who expect Shanghai to dwindle to the condition of Macao would have good ground to go upon were the Chusan Group to become a second Hongkong. Verb sap.

YESTERDAY, Mr H. Cook, secretary and manager of the New Club, was found dead in bed. Mr Cook, who was a little over thirty years of age, came from India about three years ago to become manager of the Mount Austin Hotel. Under his management, the hotel proved a great success, and when the hotel was purchased by the Military Authorities he took over the management of the New Club. By his genial manner, he gained for himself a large circle of friends. A post mortem examination of the body has been held, and the Magistrate will hold an inquiry into the cause of death.

## SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

### RUMOURS OF WAR.

### THE AMERICAN FLEET SAILING FOR MANILA.

### H.M.S. *EDGAR* ALSO UNDER ORDERS.

There has been a prevalent rumour for two or three days that war was imminent between Spain and the United States over the Cuban affair, and there has been repeated mention of foul play in connection with the disastrous explosion on board the U.S. cruiser *Maine*. Some colour was given to these warlike rumours by the appearance of five United States cruisers in Hongkong Harbour, where they had been ordered to sail from various ports of China and Japan on very short notice.

H.M.S. *Edgar* leaves at once for Manila. The American men-of-war leave also for the same destination.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 8th March, 1898.

### RUSSIA AND CHINA.

Russia has demanded a lease of Port Arthur and Ta-lien-wan for 99 years, and insisted on a reply by to-day.

Mr Curzon has announced that he has telegraphed to Peking and St. Petersburg enquiring about the above.

### THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

The Naval estimates amount to £23,778,000, and provide for an increase of 6,340 men, three new battleships, four cruisers, and four sloops.

### THE UNITED STATES BILL FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE.

The Washington House has unanimously passed the credit for $50,000,000 for National defence.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 10th at 11.15 a. The barometer has fallen slightly on the E. coast of China risen a little elsewhere. Pressure remains high over N. China with moderate gradients on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh to moderate N.E. winds: fair.

## PRINCE HENRY OF PRUSSIA IN HONGKONG.

Last night, Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia was the guest at Government House of His Excellency the Acting Governor. Major-General Wilsone Black, C.B. The party at the table was as follows:—His Excellency the Acting Governor and Lady Carrington; H.R.H. Prince Henry of Prussia and Mrs Black; Sir John Carrington (Chief Justice) and Mrs Holland; Commodore Holland, A.D.C., and Mrs Lockhart; Captain Plachte (Commander of the *Deutschland*) and Mrs Bell Irving; Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart (Colonial Secretary) and Mrs Goodman; Hon. W. M. Goodman (Attorney-General) and Mrs Jackson; Hon. C. P. Chator and Mrs McNair; Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving and Mrs Von Loeper; Colonel Elsdale, R.E., and Mrs Rowlandson; Captain Müller (personal A.D.C. to Prince Henry) and Madam O'Gorman; Flag Lieutenant Graf Spee and Miss Black; Mr von Loeper (German Consul); Colonel Rowlandson, K.O.R.; Mr Thomas Jackson; Hon. Dr Ho Kai; Colonel Tha O'Gorman; and Mr C. C. Platt (Private Secretary to His Excellency the Acting Governor).

'The Queen' and 'H.I.M. The German Emperor' were the toasts, and they were proposed by H.E. the Acting Governor.

RECEPTION AT THE CLUB GERMANIA.

His Royal Highness afterwards attended the reception given at the Club Germania by the German community. The exterior of the Club buildings was tastefully illuminated, a large 'H' being worked out in coloured lamps over the doorway. The reception was a private function.

THE PRINCE AND THE 'PESHAWUR.'

Wherever the German sailor prince goes he becomes immediately popular on account of his geniality and *bonhomie*. A Singapore gentleman who had the privilege of conversing with him writes of him in terms of the highest praise. Another correspondent writes to us as follows:—

Let me tell you of an act of simple and spontaneous courtesy on the part of the Prince, which I think deserves to be recorded. The P. and O. s.s. *Peshawur*, on her voyage from Singapore, had to be stopped for a few hours in order that some repairs might be effected to the condenser. While this was being done, the *Deutschland* and *Gefion* came up, and the Prince, perceiving the *Peshawur* had stopped, sent the *Gefion* to make enquiries and to ascertain whether assistance was needed. The Captain of the *Peshawur* replied in the negative, but, on the return of the *Gefion*, the Prince, apparently not being quite satisfied, sent the cruiser back to make further enquiries and to make sure that assistance was not necessary. This act of kindly consideration towards a British vessel shows, I think, that Prince Henry, who is of our kith and kin, ought to be cordially welcomed in every British community.

VICEROY Chang Chih-tung, according to a letter received from Wuchang yesterday, has appointed six of his most promising young military officers to go as a Military Commission to Japan for the purpose of studying the military system of that country. It is not unlikely that as a result of the Commission a number of Japanese officers will be invited to come over to China to give the benefit of their knowledge to the military organisation of the Liang Hu provinces. It is also reported that the Viceroy has been strongly advised to employ Japanese in preference to German military instructors for his new disciplined army.—*China Mail, Daily News.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### PEAK RESIDENCES FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

*To the Editor of the* 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, March 8.

SIR,—I see by the newspapers that the Doctors want to gobble up the site of the Pavilion, now Peak Club. To begin with it was a piece of injustice to let the Peak Club have the place. Rightly or wrongly, His Excellency Sir William Robinson gets blamed for it. Now, it seems to me that the Villas are quite inadequate for their intended purpose, and it would only be fair to give the members of the Civil Service who are unable to get away to Japan or elsewhere, a few weeks at the Peak every year. There is little doubt that it would pay to do so, and be considered a boon by those concerned. A change of two or three weeks to the Peak would make all the difference to people who have been parboiled down below in June and July, and many think the Pavilion should have been devoted to that purpose, or if not the Pavilion some other place. Some of the lower levels are simply Hades on a small scale in summer.—Yours faithfully,

SALAMANDER.

[We do not quite understand what our correspondent is driving at; whether he makes this proposition (in cold blood, so to speak) for the reconstruction at the Peak of summer residences for the Civil Service, or whether he writes 'sarkastic' with reference to the Craigieburn sanitarium for jaded officials.—ED., *C. M.*]

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

RACE FOR MR N. J. EDE'S PRIZES.

Saturday, March 5th, 1898.

Course:—From the Police Pier round mark-boat north of Cowchow and back.

HANDICAP.

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| *La Cigale* ..... | allows | |
| *Erica* ..... | 22 min. | 23 sec. |
| *Maid Marian* ... | 24 ,, | 7 ,, |
| *Phœbe* ..... | 26 ,, | 43 ,, |
| *Chanticleer* ..... | 27 ,, | 9 ,, |
| *Meteor* ..... | 27 ,, | 11 ,, |
| *Activel* ..... | 28 ,, | 41 ,, |
| Capt. Taylor's Cutter ..... | 28 ,, | 41 ,, |
| *Ladybird* ..... | 31 ,, | 2 ,, |
| *Sybil* ..... | 31 ,, | 41 ,, |
| *Dart* ..... | 32 ,, | 53 ,, |

The wind was from the north, and light at the start, but increased on the way down to Cowchow. *Phœbe* went away with a good lead, closely followed by *Erica*, with *Maid Marian* and *Meteor* next. *Chanticleer* and *Dart* got away in the first flight, but they could not go the pace. *Sybil* and the others were late at the start, but on the reach down some of the boats passed through the fleet, *La Cigale* coming along in the hard wind.

The leading boats rounded the markboat, which had got somehow about half-a-mile to the south of its proper position, in the following order—*Phœbe, Erica, Maid Marian, Meteor, Sybil*, the last giving the boat a very close shave, to the evident alarm of the crew thereon.

The wind was free on the way back, and *La Cigale* passed all the boats but *Phœbe*, which kept the lead up to within half-a-mile of the finish, where *Erica* took the leading position. *Maid Marian* and *Sybil* also passed *La Cigale* and *Phœbe*, and *Sybil* at the finish pushed her long snout past *Maid Marian's* bow, and got in second, half-a-length after *Erica*.

The times were:—

| | H. | M. | S. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Erica* ..... | 3 | 46 | 44 | |
| *Sybil* ..... | 3 | 47 | 1 | —First |
| *Maid Marian* ..... | 3 | 47 | 9 | |
| *La Cigale* ..... | 3 | 47 | 47 | |
| *Phœbe* ..... | 3 | 49 | 3 | —Second |
| *Meteor* ..... | 3 | 50 | 23 | |
| Capt. Taylor's Cutter | 3 | 51 | 24 | —Third |
| *Chanticleer* ..... | 3 | 54 | 24 | |
| *Dart* ..... | 4 | 2 | 0 | |
| *Ladybird* ..... | 4 | 11 | 30 | |

## BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.

'A VILLAGE PRIEST.'

The management of the Brough Comedy Company fully realizes the importance of variety in the performances of the Company, and at the commencement of their season here it was announced that a complete change of play was to be effected every second evening of their stay. The three plays that have already been produced has given ample testimony to the versatility and high-class excellence of the Company. 'A Village Priest,' by Sydney Grundy, is of an entirely different character to that presented, from the same author's pen, on the two opening nights. The plot is of a complex nature, and the whole play is of a sombre and tragic description. The plot of the play turns on the murder of Le Comte de Tremeillan, Madame D'Arcay's husband, a judge, committed the murder to prevent the discovery of an intrigue with the Countess, and afterwards sentenced an innocent man, named Jeanne Torquienie, a gamekeeper, to death for the crime. The judge dies in a fit immediately on arriving home after passing sentence. The sentence of death passed upon Torquenie is afterwards commuted. L'Abbé Dubois, the village priest, who has obtained knowledge of the crime, under seal of confession, from the judge, is distracted by his desire to do justice to the injured man and his sworn fidelity to the Church. Nineteen years pass after the committal of the crime, and the son of the unjust judge falls in love with the daughter of the murdered man. Other complications follow, the son of the unjust judge being enlisted in the cause of the prisoner, who makes his escape from gaol, and he obtains evidence of the intrigue with the Countess, and other circumstances force the Abbé to reveal his secret.

The central character, 'L'Abbé Dubois,' is one which gives Mr Brough scope for tragic power. The solemnity of the scene in the Sanctuary, where the Abbé has the awful conflict with his conscience, is most affecting, and thrilling in its intensity. Mr Plimmer gave a well-conceived rendering of 'Armand D'Arcay,' the determined honest son of the murderer. The part of the blind 'Madame D'Arcay' was taken by Miss Watt-Tanner, who impersonated the character with dignity. Mrs Brough gave a powerful rendering of the part of 'La Comtesse De Tremeillan,' the scene in the boudoir being a marvellously vivid piece of acting. Mr M. Majeroni's impersonation of 'Jean Tarquienie' was very clever. Miss Hardy, as 'Marguerite,' and Miss Temple, as 'Jeanne Torquenie,' were very efficient exponents of their parts, and Miss Monkman, as 'Madeleine' the Abbe's housekeeper, provided the little humour that is in the play in her passages at arms with the Abbe. To-night the play will be repeated.

WE learn on excellent authority it is almost arranged that Great Britain will occupy Weihaiwei if the Japanese decide to vacate that important position, and this willingness of a friendly power to take her place there may have a strong influence upon Japan's decision on this point.—*China Gazette.*

## THE ACTING GOVERNOR ON COMPENSATION.

THE PLAGUE RECORD.

The papers submitted at last meeting of the Sanitary Board, in connection with the confiscation and destruction of certain articles of food which were found in a house at No. 46 First Street, in which two cases of plague recently occurred, having been transmitted to the Colonial Secretary, advising that the owner be compensated for his loss, the Colonial Secretary recommended H.E. Major-General Black to authorise payment.

His Excellency wrote—Do so, but this opens a door that must be closely watched. Is the Government going to pay for all property that becomes infected with disease?

*The Secretary* noted—Such articles as are destroyed, are destroyed in the interests of the public although there can be no doubt it is also a wise thing to do for the owner and his family. It is usually held that private articles destroyed in the interests of the public generally should be paid for from the public purse, and I think any departure from this course would be a mistake.

*The Medical Officer of Health*—Twenty-six cases of plague have occurred this year, and this is the only case so far in which the Board has recommended compensation, so that the recommendation may be regarded as exceptional as were the circumstances.

The Board held that this was a special case, and that future cases would be dealt with on their merits.

## THE OUTBREAK OF RINDERPEST.

At the meeting of Sanitary Board to day, a letter was read from Mr J. Walker, manager of the Dairy Farm Co., dated March 4, asking the Sanitary Board to remove the restrictions declaring Sassoon's Villa an infected area. There were five sheds on the area. In No. 5 shed no disease had appeared. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 sheds had been empty for some time. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 had been fumigated. The six European-bred cattle had been removed to a distance of 500 yards from the sheds, and were separated from each other by 60 or 70 yards, segregation being complete. All the cowboys are, and have been, since the outbreak locked in the sheds at Pokfulum Station as well as at Sassoon Villa. He asked that the lot on which the sheds are situated be declared free, and the remaining portion of the lot be declared an infected area.

Mr Ladds, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, had no objection to the request being granted.

The following opinions were expressed in the minutes:—

*The President*—This cannot, in my opinion be allowed. It simply nullifies the Board's resolution that the area be declared infected.

*The Medical Officer of Health*—I think that if the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon is satisfied that these sheds have been thoroughly disinfected, and can state that the period of incubation of the disease has expired since any cattle contained in these sheds were affected with the disease, the request might be granted. The Dairy Company are no doubt just as anxious to save their cattle as the Board is to prevent the spread of the disease.

Mr Ede and Mr Ormsby agreed with the Medical Officer of Health's minute.

The Board agreed to release the premises.

It was mentioned that the Board had incurred an expenditure of $153 in burning the carcase of one animal that died from rinderpest.

## THE POWERS OF THE SANITARY BOARD.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, held this afternoon, papers were submitted showing the opinions of officers of the Crown or Bye-law No. 12, of Ordinance 17 of 1887.

The Crown Solicitor wrote—I am of opinion that the words of bye-law No. 12, 'And take such steps to prevent the spread of disease as it deems necessary' would entitle the Board to forbid the movement of persons into, within, or out of an infected place or area. Section 2, of Ord. 17 of 1887, under which the Governor in Council has power to make bye-laws, appears to me to restrict the powers of the Sanitary Board, and I doubt whether the above words, 'And take such steps to prevent the spread of disease as it deems necessary' are justified by sub-section 4 of Section 17 of 1837. The words used there are, 'Authorising the Sanitary Board to declare places to be infected with disease, and to prohibit the removal of any animal, fodder, litter, utensil, or other thing from such place.' Under the Diseases of Animal Act 1894, Section 23, the Board of Agriculture may make orders 'for prohibiting or regulating the movement of animals and persons into, within or out of an infected place or area,' but a similar power does not appear to have been conferred upon the Governor in Council, under Ordinance 17 of 1887.

*The President*—But surely Bye-law 12 must have been referred to the Attorney General before it came before the Governor in Council. It appears to me that lawyers differ quite as much as doctors. Please consult Attorney General in the matter.

*The Attorney General*—Please pass to President of Sanitary Board, I am of opinion that on reading the bye-laws and the Ordinance 17 of 1887, on which alone their validity depends, the Sanitary Board has no power to prevent a man leaving a place declared to be infected with cattle disease. To enable the Board to possess such power further legislation would be necessary. But, probably the Dairy Farm Manager, if requested, would take steps to see that people did not go into the infected area unnecessarily, and if care is taken to see that those who leave wash and then change their clothes, I cannot see that the Board can do more. If old clothes are destroyed (under Section 4) in disinfecting, they are to be paid for out of the public revenue.

The Secretary thought it desirable to have the power.

It was agreed to apply to the Government to give the Board the power it wanted.

LOCAL Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, $1:00.—Robinson Piano Company.

It is reported from Canton that Governor Hsü Chen-yi of Kuangtung had been recently secretly denounced to the Throne by a Censor, and that the Viceroy Tan had been ordered by Imperial Rescript to enquire into the charges.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

A PEKING despatch received at Shanghai reports that the Imperial government intends, for military reasons, to first build a railway between Hankow and Chinkiang before commencing on the great trunk line between Hankow and Peking, and that the direction of the building of the former line will be given to the Kiangsu expectant Taotai Yung Lung (?), Dr Yung Wing, [illegible] *C. Daily News.*

## DISINFECTION OF PAWNBROKERS' WARES.

THE DISSEMINATION OF PLAGUE AND SMALLPOX.

In December last year, a proposal was made to the Sanitary Board that the clothing stored in the pawnshops in the Colony be disinfected twice a year. A list of pawnshops prepared at the instance of the President showed there were 33 shops in all in Victoria. The President minuted that smallpox was undoubtedly set free every winter by the dispersal of the clothing stored in these shops, and it was very possible that plague and other diseases were disseminated in this way. At that time the matter was remitted to the Secretary to find out, if possible, the exact system on which they conduct their business.

Li Yau Chuen and other members of the Pawnbroker's Guild, having been informed of the proposal, consulted together, and petitioned the Board on 9th February, on the difficulties attending the disinfection of the articles stored in their shops. Things after being disinfected would be discoloured and more easily worn out, and compensation would be demanded from the Guild on the redemption of the articles. People would not be satisfied to be compensated with the amount mentioned in the pawnticket. Wealthy people used the pawnshops as store houses, and pawned things at low rates, viz., articles worth $10 at rates ranging from $1 to $5, and articles worth $100 or $200, at $10 or $20. In dealing with the claims for damages, petitioners' time would be fully occupied, and they would have no time to attend to their regular business. People would refrain from pawning articles in Hongkong, and would have recourse to Chinese Kowloon and Sham Shui Po. The number of employers in each pawnshop, including the cook, was eight persons, and every day they had to attend to from one hundred to two hundred customers who come to pawn their articles, and a similar number who redeem their articles. According to the proposal of the Sanitary Board four days would have to be devoted in the year to disinfection, but before the things were disinfected the employees would have to give up ten odd days' time to arrange the articles in readiness for disinfection; because there are four or five thousand articles pawned in each shop, and in six months' time the total amount is between 32,000 and 33,000 articles. After the disinfection was completed, the employees would have to give up another twenty odd days to re-arrange the articles. In addition to the four days for disinfection, petitioners' employees would have to work seventy odd days during the year. Petitioners' expenditure is already heavy, and their licence fees amount to a great deal, therefore the using of seventy days' time for this purpose during the year would be a great injury to the business of their Guild.

If when the things were being disinfected people who happened to want to redeem their articles found that they could not get them, then it would require a lot of argument to settle the matter. Poor people pawned their things, and when the time was due they had great difficulty in obtaining money to redeem them, and if they did not get them back in time they were sure to become angry. Some people borrowed things from their relatives, and pawned them in petitioners' shops, and when their relatives were about to go to a place far off they required their things returned to them on a fixed date. These people might find that the things were being disinfected, and they would have to wait thirty days more for their redemption, they would have to pay interest during that time.

Petitioners' employees could not remove several ten thousand things to the Government Disinfecting Station, and have to engage street coolies to do the work. On their way to and from the Disinfecting Station, and when in the Disinfecting Station, was it not very hard to guarantee that the things would not go missing or be indiscriminately mixed up or get damaged. When articles were not redeemed in due course they were delivered to the second-hand clothes dealers at the price for which they were pawned, but when the things had been disinfected their value would be reduced very much. Generally speaking, out of every 100 persons who pawn their things only 80 or 90 per cent redeem them; if the things had to be disinfected the percentage of those redeeming their pledges would be much lower.

Petitioners' Guild consists of 42 shops. Those who play the greater part in the business have always in stock goods to the value of $40,000; the small shops keep about from $20,000 to $30,000 worth of goods, and the smallest shops keep goods to the value of about $10,000 odd. If only twenty per cent. of the articles sent to be disinfected got discoloured every time, the compensation for such damage would amount to no less than $100,000.

The Secretary summarized the difficulties, and wrote that, speaking broadly, he did not think any of the difficulties were insurmountable. The damage to the fibre of the clothing would appear to be suspected being to disinfection in the past having been carried out in the past by means of sulphurous acid, chlorine or nitrous acid, all of which had a destructive action on what may be conveniently termed woody fibre. He was not aware that steam had such an action, and in the absence of very clear proof he did not think that it had. Defectively dyed and stained clothing would be spoiled in appearance by disinfection with steam. The question of compensation for injury, and alleged injury, to articles would be the most troublesome thing to deal with fairly. When a Chinese was in opposition to anything he had great aptitude in finding reasons for his opposition, and he would most undoubtedly exercise his ingenuity to the utmost to find and show that real damage has been done. The injury to business and difficulty about redeeming pledges, as well as the cost of labour, etc., he viewed as judicious and fairly well-handled padding, but he certainly did not think, so far as the main issue was concerned, they were worth bothering about.

The President minuted that experiments might be made first as to possible discolouration of clothing; personally he did not think that it occurred. It was doubtful whether the compensation would be considerable, and the inconvenience would not be great and would be obviated by good management.

Mr Ede thought the difficulties in the way of the scheme were very considerable, and if the pawnbroking business went over to Mongkok they should have no security at all and less control over disease-spreading garments than they had now.

The Captain Superintendent of Police thought it was really a question of utility. Were the prospective advantages to be gained such as to justify a somewhat arbitrary proceeding which would cost a good deal of trouble and possibly expense?

The President minuted that he had ascertained that there had been no complaints re injury to clothing during the process of disinfection at Ho Tung Wa Hospital. There, at his suggestion, every patient's clothing that he wore on admission was disinfected. This process was carried out twice weekly. The existence of small-pox and plague in our midst at present rendered some such measure imperative.

The President, after some discussion, moved a resolution in favour of disinfection, but as there was no seconder the proposition was not put to the meeting.

## NOTES FROM CENTRAL CHINA.

*(From Our Own Correspondent.)*

Ichang, February 15.

STEAM NAVIGATION ON THE UPPER YANGTSE.

The high flights of steps, and raised squares overlooking the river were a serried mass of blue-clad men, as the steam-launch *Lee Chuen* passed the Island of Shi-pa, where the trackers live, starting from Ichang to Chungking. For thirteen years Dr Archibald Little has striven to unite the rich Province of Szechuen—about the size of France—with the rest of the world, by steam communication. He has formed companies and built steamboats; he has arrived at Ichang in a steamer specially built for the purpose, colours flying and hearts beating high, only to be greeted by telegraphic instructions from the then Minister at Peking to the then Consul to stop the steamer. This time he has really started from Ichang, where up till now steam communication ceases. At twelve o'clock, on Tuesday, February 15, the little *Lee Chuen*, a twin-screw launch of 20 tons, got underweigh, the Consul, Commissioner, other members of the Chinese Customs Staff, and Captain Pah, of the *Kweilee*, accompanying it at first, their boat towing behind, while fast to either side were one of the celebrated Yangtse red boats; and a large Wupan, weighted with eight tons of coal, as also with a large crew to render assistance at the rapids, and thus make the boat independent of extraneous local assistance. Designed as she is for a tow-boat, the little *Lee Chuen* appeared to do well under these disadvantages, going off up the river at the rate of between five and six knots. The *Kweilee* whistled, crackers went off, and presently there was a great waving of handkerchiefs and cheering as the guests got into their boat, and dropped down stream, Dr Collins, of the American Episcopal Mission, and several Chinese guests still remaining. At Ping Shan Pa a Customs boat was again towed as far as to the right-angled turn in the Ichang gorge, the Customs Officer, like everyone else, saying he must have a trip in the steamboat that had 'got to go,' as the Shanghai toast ran.

Every precaution seems to have been taken to avert mischance on this first trial trip, but it is impossible the strong little boat, thus heavily handicapped, should accomplish anything of a record passage. Report says she tied up before dusk at Hoay Li Miao, a distance of thirty miles, done in five and a-half steaming hours.

CHINESE OBSTRUCTIONS.

With a Chinese gunboat going on before, she ought to-morrow to get safely past the rowdies, as well as the rocks and rapids of Shintan, and then she will be in virgin waters so far untracked by steam. Dr Little once before took a steam launch as far as the foot of the Shintan, and some fifteen years or so ago took his steamer, the *Ying*, up the Ichang gorge. But for the presence of a real live Consul at Ichang he might not have done much more this time; the authorities at first said it was out of the question for a steamboat to go beyond Ichang, refused a red boat, and then sent Weiyuans to discuss matters. Had they been received, the endless discussion of some ten years ago might have recommenced, and the old arguments about native dislike to steamers brought forward again, and months spent over the question which should give place to the other, junks or steamers, upward or downward bound, and so on *ad infinitum*. Dr Holland knew better. He simply refused to see the Weiyuans, said he had telegraphed to the Taotai at Shasze, and awaited his reply. The red boat was ab once forthcoming, and then next came the tale of the gunboat going on before. Proclamations have been put out, saying this steamboat will injure none, is taking no cargo, etc., etc., and the people are not to interfere with or molest her. Thus the Hupeh authorities seem in the end to have done all they can. It remains to be seen what the Szechuan authorities will do.

CONGRATULATORY DINNER.

At the end-off dinner given by the ever-hospitable Consul, Dr Holland said that it was now twenty-one years since Chungking had been first made a Treaty port; it was very suitable that it should receive a steamer this year, when it might be supposed to have reached years of discretion, and specially suitable that this should be a British steamer. It might be said the boat in question was a very little one, but it was an old English proverb that, 'Little chips light great fires,' and he hoped the present boat might be the precursor of others.

ANTI-FOOT-BINDING MEETINGS.

There have, of course, been Anti-Foot Binding meetings at Ichang. Mrs Little could not easily pass through a port without holding one, and organising a Committee. But that held at the house of Dr Collins was of rather a novel character, several Chinese officials attending in a room crowded with men, whilst in another room were some officials' wives and other ladies, gaily dressed and with feet very tightly bound. The speakers stood in the doorway between the two rooms. The Salt Taotai, dreaded for his temper, perhaps also for his honesty, got up as soon as Dr Gemmell had finished interpreting for Mrs Little, and declared himself already a member of the Tsai Tsui Hui, and said that he did not allow his daughter's feet to be bound. Several other well-dressed Chinamen spoke to the same effect. The meeting was remarkable as not being composed chiefly of the Christian congregation, and also for having so many officials present. There are already amongst the Christians a good many women with unbound feet in Ichang, where the riddle is much admired: 'Why is wit like a Chinese woman's foot? Because it is short and to the point.' The progress of the Anti-Foot-Binding movement is phenomenal. Two Chinese Viceroys are now denouncing binding, there is a large and influential Chinese society formed, and an always increasing number of women unbinding.

## SENSATIONAL RUMOUR FROM SHANGHAI.

REPORTED DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA.

Shanghai, March 3.

We have just received news, coming from high official sources, which is of the highest importance if true. We are informed that the Viceroy of Nanking, the Viceroy of the Liang Hu, and the Governor of Hunan have entered into a compact to direct the affairs of the entire Yangtze Valley and its appurtenances from Nanking, irrespective of any orders from the Emperor. Indeed, our informant confidently says that they will not allow the Emperor to 作主 (*po chu*), that is have any voice in the affairs of government of the Central and Western Provinces. This practically means, our informant declares, the cutting of China into two, and leaving the North to the present Dynasty, while the Council of Three make themselves responsible for the Yangtze.

Our opinion of the above is, if it is really true, and we have no reason for doubting our informant's word, that it is on account of the Emperor and the Members of the Tsungli Yamen having granted the Lekin as a security for the loan of the £16,000,000 just concluded, thereby cutting into what they consider their perquisites. However, if they try on this little game, we are afraid they will have Great Britain and Germany to deal with whom they will find it more difficult to contend against than those at Peking.—*Mercury.*

## MACHINE-MADE TEA IN CHINA.

Shanghai, March 3.

It is certain that very great interest will be taken in the modest prospectus of the Liang Hu Tea Improvement Company, which appears on our front page this morning. The Russians only remain faithful to China Congou, and the British public, the greatest tea-drinkers in the world, will not have China Congou any more, preferring the machine-made tea of India and Ceylon; and thus what a magnificent trade has dwindled away to a shadow. But the leaf grown in China is still the best in the world, all the plants that produce decent tea in India and Ceylon having been introduced there from China; the trouble is in the mode of preparation. Three or four men have been working for some years to get the Chinese to adopt the modern system of manufacturing tea. The manufacture has been adopted successfully on a small scale at Foochow, and experiments made at Wenchow last year with very inferior leaf opened the eyes of the Chinese as to how by the use of machinery they may regain the market they have lost. Now the teamen of Hankow and the high officials of the great black tea producing provinces, Hupeh and Hunan, have been interested in the matter, seeing that a recovery of the English market means wealth to themselves, as well as to the growers and the foreign merchants who handle the packed product. A company, modest enough in its inception, has been formed at Hankow with a capital of Tls. 60,000, and Shanghai is also appealed to for its co-operation. The Chief Director is Mr R. B. Moorhead, Commissioner of Customs at Hankow, and we understand that this appointment is particularly favoured by the Viceroy at Wuchang, under whose protection we may say the company is formed. The provisional directorate is a very strong one. Mr Chi Ching-foo is the compradore of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank here. Mr Tang Kew-ching is familiar to all who have anything to do with tea as Awai, and his name is a synonym for enterprise, intelligence, and uprightness. Mr Tang Soey-chie is the head of the leading tea hong at Hankow and compradore to Messrs Molchonoff, Pechatnoff & Co.; while Mr Chun Fai-ting, the able and courteous Manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company in Shanghai, needs no introduction or commendation. A significant paragraph in the prospectus is that which says that 'although this is a purely mercantile company, Mr Moorhead has received the guarantee of the Viceroy of the Liang Hu provinces that the machinery and employés shall be fully protected; and still more significant is the statement that 'no officials will be directors or in the employ of the company.' The confidence that is justly reposed in the Hankow Commissioner, Mr Moorhead, by Chinese and foreigners alike, is shown in the provision in the prospectus that 'the Chief Director is to have full power in the direction of the company and in the engagement of all employés of the company; he is also to delegate his authority temporarily to any respectable and trustworthy foreigner, whom he believes capable of performing his duties during his temporary absence, but he is to be accountable for the acts of his delegate.'

It cannot be doubted that in this small beginning we have the germ of a revolution in the preparation of tea in China, and a resurrection of the trade between Hankow and London, which is dead if not actually buried. The first tea-leaf rolling machine for the company is on board the *Ningpo* and will be landed in a few days. A commencement of operations will be made this year in Yangloo-tung district. It is not our province to recommend public companies to our readers; but the establishment of the Liang Hu Tea Improvement Company means a great deal more than the provision of a remunerative investment; it means the recovery of a great trade that has been lost, and, it was thought, irretrievably lost. There is no question that China, by adopting Indian methods of preparation, can compete with India, and on still better terms if India adopts, as it is said she is going to do, the gold standard.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

A PARTY of British and Russian sailors came into collision at Nagasaki last Tuesday afternoon. Blows were exchanged and a free fight ensued. Things were looking very bad for the Russian sailors, who were numerically the weaker party, says the *Press*, when fortunately a British naval officer made his appearance and ordered his men to desist. The latter then withdrew and dispersed, leaving their opponents in possession of the field.

## KIAOCHAU BAY.

Mr Melton Prior, the war artist of the *Illustrated London News*, writes under date the 17th ult., in a letter from which we (*N.-C. Daily News*) have have been permitted to make extracts:—

'I fear I was very ignorant when in Shanghai as to the position of Kiaochau, for I was under the impression that the *Swatow* would anchor in the bay close to that town, whereas she did nothing of the kind. The German men-of-war as well as the merchant ships are lying just off the village of Chingtao; and here I had to land, to find that Kiaochau is forty miles inland, and that it will take at least two days to ride there; that is, provided I can obtain horses or animals of any kind to carry me; and that I also stand the chance of having my throat cut on the road. My introduction to this was not very lively, for Captain Truppel (who has been appointed Governor of the village) had very kindly secured rooms for me in a fort just half-an-hour's walk out, and there my luggage was taken; but when I discovered there was no table or chair, bed or stove, but just four walls, I nearly collapsed, and then determined to search for myself. On walking through the principal street, I saw at the corner of a house in course of alteration a European in civilian costume. In another moment I had introduced myself and poured out my woes and troubles into his kind and willing ears. "Well," he replied, "I am just going to lunch, and if you care to join in, I will consult with my partner and see what we can do for you."'

This turned out to be a partner in the firm Schwarzkopf and Co., who have established a navy-contracting business at Chingtao, and are doing remarkably well. They gave Mr Prior quarters, and he speaks most highly of their kindness. He goes on to say:—

'The Chinese here give one the idea that bolsters, tied in the middle, are walking about (they really look like eider-down quilts in a fit, and out for a lark). The men are large for Chinese, but the ladies I cannot say much about as I have only seen one; and thank goodness, if the rest are like her.

'There are any number of German officers walking about, and any quantity of soldiers and sailors swaggering over the native coolies, who do all the work of horses and carts for twenty cents a day, and go in gangs guarded by troops with loaded rifles (there is no humbug with the German when he is on business intent). There is a Chinese temple, with a priest in charge who looks as though he came out of the Ark and had never seen water since. Then the Goddess of Heaven, the God of War, and the God of Commerce are fairly surrounded with the refuse of commerce, which reaches up on all sides to about five feet high, broken bottles, cobwebs, and joss-sticks mixing pretty freely together.

'One thing that has rather astonished me is the enormous number of granite blocks, all cut ready for building purposes, lying about on all sides, in the streets, on the shore, and on the hillsides, by thousands upon thousands. The late Chinese Governor must have had some big scheme in his head.'

In another letter Mr Prior mentions that Captain Truppel had very kindly asked him to stay with him at the *yamen*, and go with him shortly on a visit to Kiaochan and Chimo.

AT Nagasaki on the 1st inst. there were six British and two Russian men-of-war.

THE *Japan Herald* quotes a rumour that the U.S. Government is making some difficulty about the enforcement of its revised treaty with Japan.

IN a recent issue of a local native paper it was stated that the Peking-Pao-ting-fu line would be open for traffic very shortly, and that the five large bridges on the route were nearing completion. We have made inquiries and ascertained that work on the line is virtually at a standstill pending the arrival of rails from Hanyang, and they are hardly likely to reach Pao-ting before the end of the year. No large bridges will be ready for some months, and temporary ones only are now in use.—*L. and L. Times.*

THE *Kobe Chronicle* of the 26th Feb. says:—The latest mail brings the sad news of the death of Mrs Putnam, at the home of her parents in Eureka, California, on the 26th Jan. Mrs Putnam was married in Kobe in the summer of last year, and not long afterwards commenced the illness (an affection of the lungs, we believe) which could not be arrested. It was hoped that the trip home might do her good, though the gravest doubts were entertained of her living out the voyage. The deep sympathy which has all along been felt for Mr Putnam in Kobe will be deepened by the news of his wife's death.

As a result of the excess of imports over exports, remarks the *Jiji*, real currency continues to flow out of Japan. During the first nine working days of the Bank of Japan this month the exodus amounted to 2,095,000 yen, or an average of 23,000 yen a day. The reserve of gold and silver in the Bank of Japan at present stands at 86,500,000 yen, showing a decrease of 95,030,000 yen as compared with the amount on October 1st last, when the gold standard came into operation. It is to be added that by the M.M. steamer *Sydney*, which left Kobe on the 4th Feb., the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Kobe, shipped for London 20-yen gold pieces to the amount of 607,000 yen and 10-yen pieces to the amount of 393,000 yen. The *Jiji* concludes that this exodus of real currency will continue, as the imports are likely for some time to be in excess of the exports.—*Kobe Chronicle.*

## Hongkong Register.

| | Previous Day at 4 p.m. | On date at 10 a.m. | On date at 4 p.m. |
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| Barometer ... | 30.06 | 30.17 | 30.06 |
| Temperature | 62 | 60 | 59 |
| Humidity ... | 78 | 65 | 78 |
| Direction of Wind ... | N | N | N |
| Force ..... | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Weather ..... | o | or | o |
| Rain ..... | — | 0.01 | — |

Highest open air temperature on the 9th ....67
Lowest open air temperature on the 9th ....56

*F. G. Figg, First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Mar 10, 1898.

## Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, Mar. 10, 1898.

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| BAROMETER— | 9 A.M. ... | 30.14 |
| Do. | 1 P.M. ... | 30.01 |
| Do. | 4 P.M. ... | 29.96 |
| THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... | | 62 |
| Do. | 1 P.M. ... | 68 |
| Do. | 4 P.M. ... | 61 |
| Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. | | 56 |
| Do. Do. | 1 P.M. | 57 |
| Do. Do. | 4 P.M. | 57 |
| Do. Maximum ... | | 61 |
| Do. Minimum ... | | 56 |

## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL,.....£1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL,.....£ 324,374.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

*Court of Directors.*

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CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq. | CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.
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*Chief Manager.*
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.

Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED.....£1,125,000
PAID UP.....£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND.....£ 10,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months .....4 %
" 6 " .....3½%
" 3 " .....2½%

J. THURBURN,
*Manager, Hongkong.*

Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... ... ... ...£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ... ... ... ...£800,000
RESERVE FUND ... ... ... ...£375,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
" " " 6 " 3½ %
" " " 3 " 2½ %

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
*Manager.*

Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....$ 8,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....$10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
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MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3½ " "
" 12 " 4 " "

T. JACKSON,
*Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, February 12, 1898 368

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
*Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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## Shipping.

### Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

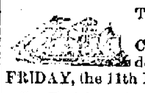
The Co.'s Chartered S.S. *Nanyang*, Captain LEHMANN, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
*General Managers.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 491

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND NEWCHWANG.



The Co.'s Steamship *Tamsui*, Captain MOORE, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 477

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Gerda*, Captain J. EHLERS, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second-Class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 9, 1898. 507

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

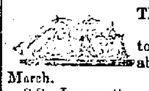
The Co.'s Steamship *Nanchang*, Captain FINLAYSON, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 9, 1898. 474

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship *Chance*, to be despatched for the above Ports on the 12th March.

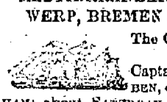
S.S. *Lennox*, to sail about 12th April.
S.S. *Fathan*, to sail about 20th April.
S.S. *Energia*, to sail about 5th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, February 23, 1898 240

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.



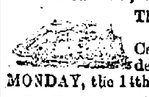
The Co.'s Steamship *Crefeld*, Captain C. VON BARDELEBEN, due here from YOKOHAMA about SATURDAY, the 12th Instant, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon.

MELCHERS & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 485

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Co.'s Steamship *Prometheus*, Captain KEAY, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 14th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 427

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Earnest Simons*, Captain JOURDAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX
*Agent.*

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 497

'MOGUL' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Energia*, Captain SAW, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 483

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The British Barque *West York*, W. L. FORSTER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 481

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### Steamers.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, MASSAWA, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME & TRIESTE.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates to* CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, ADRIATIC *and* SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Maria Valeria*, Captain R. MITIS, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th Instant, in the Forenoon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 5, 1898. 476

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates to* ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

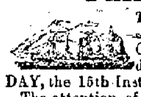
The Steamship *Brato*, Capt. J. OSTERMANN, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 12th Instan, at 6 p.m.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 478

~~CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,~~ LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, LAUNCESTON & MELBOURNE.



The Co.'s Steamship *Tsinan*, Captain RAMSAY, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 15th Inst., at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and *vice versâ*

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 8 1898. 498

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Patroclus*, Captain DICKENS, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 19th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 495

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates for* LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Ocpack*, Captain J. BARBER, will be despatched as above on or about the 24th March.

For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, February 22, 1898. 388

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Taiyuan*, Captain NELSON, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 499

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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1598

## Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 12th March, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *NATAL* Captain REMES, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, without Transhipment.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 11th March. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
*Agent.*

Hongkong, February 28, 1898. 432

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

*Through Bills of Lading issued for* BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *BENGAL*, Captain L. M. WINNER, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 19th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
*Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 5, 1898 475

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

*N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in* RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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| *Bayern* | Wednesday | March 30. |
| *Prinz Heinrich* | Wednesday | April 27. |
| *Preussen* | Wednesday | May 25. |
| *Sachsen* | Wednesday | June 22. |
| *Bayern* | Wednesday | July 20. |
| *Prinz Heinrich* | Wednesday | August 17. |
| *Darmstadt* | Wednesday | Sept. 14. |
| *Preussen* | Wednesday | October 12. |
| *Sachsen* | Wednesday | November 9. |
| *Bayern* | Wednesday | December 7. |
| *Prinz Heinrich* | Wednesday | Jan. 4, 1899. |

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *BAYERN*, Captain E. PAHLS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
*Agents.*

Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 430

## Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

*VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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| *Venus* (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) | MONDAY, March 14, at 4 p.m. |
| *Gaelic* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) | THURSDAY, March 31, at noon. |
| *Doric* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu) | TUESDAY, April 19 at noon. |

THE Co.'s Chartered Steamer *VENUS* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on MONDAY, the 14th Instant, at 4 p.m.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
*Agent.*

Hongkong, March 10, 1898. 393

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

*VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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| *City of Rio de Janeiro* (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu) | WEDNESDAY, March 23, at daylight |
| *City of Peking* (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) | SATURDAY, April 9, at noon. |
| *China* (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) | SATURDAY April 30, at noon. |

THE U.S. Mail S.S. *CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services; to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

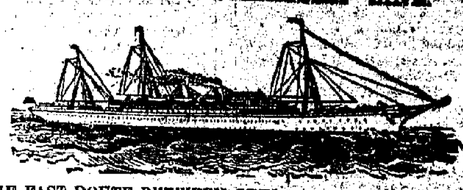
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
*Agent.*

Hongkong, March 3, 1898 450

## Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1898.  1898.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(*Subject to Alteration.*)

*EMPRESS OF JAPAN*...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R..... WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar./98.
*EMPRESS OF CHINA*...Comdr. H. PYBUS, R.N.R..... WEDNESDAY, 6th April/98.
*EMPRESS OF INDIA*....Comdr. C. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R.: WEDNESDAY, 27th April/98.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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| *Name.* | *Description.* | *Tons.* | *Guns.* | *I.H.P.* | *Captain.* | *Where at.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alacrity | despatch-vessel | 1700 | 10 | 3000 | Commander Smith-Dorrien | Chusan |
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| Archer | cruiser, 3rd class | 1770 | 6 | 3500 | Comdr. C. J. Kingsmill | Singapore |
| Barfleur | battleship, 1st class | 10,500 | 14 | 13,000 | Capt. R. N. Custance | en route |
| Bonaventure | cruiser, 2nd class | 4360 | 10 | 9000 | —— | en route |
| Centurion* | battleship, 1st class | 10,500 | 14 | 13,000 | Captain Jellicoe | Hongkong |
| Daphne | sloop | 1150 | 8 | 2000 | Commander Galloway | Nagasaki |
| Edgar | cruiser, 1st class | 7350 | 12 | 12,000 | Capt. H. King Hall | Hongkong |
| Esk | g-bt. 3rd class coast defence | 363 | 2 | 200 | Lt.-Com. Chadwick | Woosung |
| Fame | torpedo boat destroyer | 260 | 6 | 4000 | Lieut H. A. Gillett | Singapore |
| Firebrand | gunboat, 2nd class | 455 | 2 | 360 | —— | Hainan |
| Gibraltar | cruiser, 1st class | 7700 | 12 | 12,000 | Capt. H. F. Hughes-Hallet | en route |
| Grafton† | cruiser, 1st class | 73 0 | 12 | 12,000 | Captain E. P. Jones | Nagasaki |
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| Hart | torpedo boat destroyer | 260 | 6 | 4000 | Lieut. H. F. Shakespear | Hongkong |
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| Phœnix | sloop | 1050 | 6 | 1400 | Capt. Cochrane | Nagasaki |
| Pigmy | gunboat, 1st class | 750 | 6 | 1200 | Lieut. Dormer | Hankow |
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| Redpole | gunboat, 1st class | 805 | 6 | 1200 | Lieut. C. P. R. Coode | Swatow |
| Swift | gun-vessel, 2nd class | 756 | 2 | 870 | —— | Borneo |
| Tamar | receiving ship | 2047 | — | — | —— | Hongkong |
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| *Name.* | *Flag and Description.* | *Tons.* | *Guns.* | *H.P.* | *Captain.* | *Last reported at* |
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| Arcona | German cruiser | 1640 | 8 | 2930 | Captain Becker | Kiaochau |
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| Aspic | French gunboat | 475 | 3 | 450 | Commander Journet | Bangkok |
| Bayard | French flagship | 6500 | 12 | 4500 | Captain Jeannet | Along Bay |
| Bengo | Portuguese gunboat | 400 | 3 | 400 | Lt.-Comdr. Marques | Macao |
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| Gefion | German 2nd class cruiser | 4109 | 10 | 9000 | Captain Follenius | Hongkong |
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| Yendeik | Russian gunboat | 500 | 11 | 3500 | Capt. Rogulla | —— |
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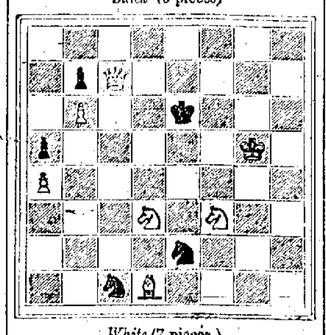
Problem No. 84.

By the Rev. A. W. Row.

*Black* (5 pieces)



*White* (7 pieces.)

White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution to Problem No. 82 by F. R. Guest.

1. Kt—K 5. Then if

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. K×Kt | 2. B—B 2 |
| 1. K×P | 2. Q—B 8 |
| 1. B moves | 2. Kt—Q 3 |
| 1. Kt moves | 2. Kt×B |

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Hongkong, March 10.

The present 'Gambit match' at the Club is a test of the Sicilian Defence, by using which Dr Tarrasch defeated Herr Richter in 1883. I published this brilliant game as No. 105 on May 6 last, so am precluded from repeating it, but give instead one or two other examples. Out of fifteen specimens I have by me, the attack wins in eleven, the defence in two and two are drawn, but, as Mason observes, the opening is one of resources, and a defence that has been adopted by Lasker and Tarrasch should not be hastily condemned as unsound.

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At the annual meeting of the Singapore Chess Club, there were present 12 members. Mr W. Makepence, in the absence of the president, was voted to the chair. After the usual business, on Mr J. B Elcum's proposal, Sir Lionel Cox was unanimously re-elected president of the club; the other committee members elected by ballot were Messrs. T. de M. Braddell, A. L. Chittenden, L. M. Cordeiro, J. B. Elcum, W. Makepeace and P. A. Reutens. The meeting then considered the various proposals of Mr Elcum, notice of which had been given, and passed them all with one or two amendments. The matters agreed upon were (1) the classification of players into A. B. C. and D. classes with the usual odds of a pawn and move, a pawn and two moves, a knight, &c., in handicap tournaments, (2) the system of challenging for position, (3) only those in classes A. and B. to be entitled to compete for championship, (4) any member whose strength is unknown cannot compete in any tournament unless he has first played with a player selected by the Secretary. When the club is in possession of chess clocks the time limit to be 20 moves per hour instead of 1 move per 5 minutes. These arrangements are expected to increase the efficiency of the players. Another point agreed upon was that any player retiring from a tournament conducted on the American system, after having played less than half the number of games, shall have his score deleted, otherwise his score shall stand, and those with whom he has not played shall score wins against him.

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Caxton's 'Game and Playe of the Chess,' the first book printed in the English language, is an indication of the way in which chess marches hand in hand with intellectual progress. Another of Caxton's translations is the History of Renaud of Montauban, from which I make the following excerpt as showing the amenities of the noble game in the hands of mediæval players, and proving the absorbing interest it possessed even when analyses were unknown:—

'Bertholot, nephew of Charlemagne called Renaud, son of Duke Aymon of Dordonne, to play at chess. So long they played on a golden board with ivory chessmen that at the last debate arose between them, and Bertholot called Renaud a foul name, and smote him on the visage, so that his blood fell to the ground. When Renaud saw himself thus outraged he was right wroth, and took the chessboard and smote Bertholot on his head so hard that he fell down dead to the ground before him.'

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The founder of the great banking house of Rothschild was a Frankfort Jew named Anselm, who did a good discounting business, but his fame was only local until he made the acquaintance of Baron von Estroff, then landgrave of Hesse, who was a coin collector, and sent for Anselm one day to make some purchases. When the latter arrived the baron was engaged in a game of chess and could not be disturbed. The Jew stood by patiently and watched the play. The baron was checked, it seemed, hopelessly, and, turning to the Jew, he said:

'Do you play chess?'

'Sometimes,' was the answer.

'What would you do if you were in my fix?'

The Jew modestly pointed out a move which the baron accepted and followed his advice through the rest of a game that was soon won. After that Anselm spent a good deal of time playing chess with the landgrave, who prided himself on his ability to beat every one of his subjects. The baron and the coin merchant thus became great friends, and there was considerable business between them in the way of loans and discounts. It was Baron von Estroff who sent 16,800 Hessian soldiers to America during the War of the Revolution, to fight on the British side, and received a large sum of money for their services. When Napoleon came along a few years after the baron had saved of it about 4,000,000 thalers in coin, which he took to Anselm and asked him to conceal for him so that it might escape the French army. Anselm accepted the trust without responsibility, and, as the story goes, dropped the bags of coin to the bottom of his well. The French soldiers plundered his house and took away everything valuable that belonged to him, but the landgrave's money was overlooked.

But the remainder of the story belongs to other matters than chess.

In playing the Sicilian defence, a safe rule is to Fianchetto the King's Bishop, and castle behind it, keeping the King's pawn unmoved. There is nothing gained by 1 ...... P—Q 4 if it is to be followed early by P—K 4, making a nasty hole in the centre, of which White will, as the two following examples show, be quick to avail himself.

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Game No. 203.

One of four games played by Mr Steinitz simultaneously and blindfold at Baltimore on Feb. 15, 1885.

SICILIAN DEFENCE.

| | White. (W. Steinitz) | Black. (Major Brackenborough) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | P—K 4 | P—Q B 4 |
| 2. | Kt—K B 3 | P—K 3 |
| 3. | Kt—B 3 | P—Q 4 |
| 4. | P×P | P×P |
| 5. | B—Kt 5 ch | B—Q 2 |
| 6. | Q—K 2 ch | B—K 2 |
| 7. | Kt×P | Kt—Q B 3 |
| 8. | P—Q 3 | P—Q R 3 |
| 9. | B—Q B 4 | B—Kt 5 |
| 10. | P—B 3 | P—Q Kt 4 |
| 11. | B—Kt 3 | Kt—R 4 |
| 12. | Kt×B | B×Kt |
| 13. | Q×B | Kt×B |
| 14. | Kt—B 6 | Q—B sq |
| 15. | P×Kt | Kt—B 3 |
| 16. | Castles | Q—Kt 2 |
| 17. | R—K sq ch | K—B sq |
| 18. | Q×Kt! | P×Q |
| 19. | B—R 6 ch | K—Kt sq |
| 20. | R—K 3, and White mates in two more moves. | |

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Game No 204.

SICILIAN DEFENCE.

| | White (Raphael.) | Black (Montgomery.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | P—K 4 | P—Q B 4 |
| 2. | P—K B 4 | P—K 4 |
| 3. | Kt—K B 3 | Kt—Q B 3 |
| 4. | B—B 4 | P—Q 3 |
| 5. | P—Q 3 | B—Kt 5 |
| 6. | Castles | Kt—Q 5 |
| 7. | B×P ch | K—K 2 |
| 8. | P×K P | B×Kt |
| 9. | B—Kt 5 ch | K—Q 2 |
| 10. | P—K 6 ch | K—B 3 |
| 11. | B×Q | B×Q |
| 12. | B mates | |

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Game No 205.

BLACK GIVES PAWN AND MOVE.

| | White (K. Eckart.) | Black (Dr Tarrasch.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | P—K 4 | Kt—Q B 3 |
| 2. | P—K B 4 | P—K 4 |
| 3. | Kt—K B 3 | P×P |
| 4. | B—B 4 | B—B 4 |
| 5. | P—Q 4 | Kt×P |
| 6. | Kt×Kt | Q—R 5 ch |
| 7. | K—B sq | P—Q 4 |
| 8. | P×P | B—K Kt 5 |
| 9. | B—Kt 5 ch | P—B 3 |
| 10 | P×P | Castles |
| 11. | P×P ch | K×P |
| 12. | B—B 6 ch | K—Kt 3 |
| 13. | Q—Q 3 | R×Kt |
| 14. | Q—Kt 5 ch | K—B 2 |
| 15. | Q—Kt 7 ch | K—Q 3 |
| 16. | Kt—B 3 | Q—B 7 ch |
| 17. | K×Q | R—Q 8 dis ch |
| 18. | B—K 3 | B×B mate |

## THE POLICY OF THE POWERS IN THE FAR EAST.

The following is another extract from the contribution of 'An Ex-Consular Official' to the Sydney *Morning Herald*:—

I.—GREAT BRITAIN.

Since 1861 the history of foreign intercourse with China has been one of gradual commercial expansion varied by persistent attempts at territorial aggrandisement on the parts of Russia, France, and lately Japan. Beyond Hongkong, with its mainland strip and some fragments on the North-eastern frontier of Burmah, Great Britain has sought no portion of the Chinese Empire, and even went so far at one time as to refuse to take Formosa when it was ready to fall into her hands, with the acquiescence of the Chinese authorities. The additions made on the Burman frontier, it must also be remembered, were the penalty, and a very light one, exacted for China's breach of treaty in making concessions of territory to France. The aim of British policy has been to enlarge the area of trade and to remove the restrictions placed upon commerce. A great opportunity for aggrandisement was offered in 1875, when a British officer was killed in Western China; but the compensation successfully demanded was the opening of more treaty ports under the Chefoo Convention, which closed the episode. The next treaty concluded between her Majesty's Government and that of China was concerned with the opening of Chung-king, the furthest treaty port up the Yangtsze, and recent conventions have dealt merely with rectifications of the Burmo-Chinese frontier, the establishment of telegraphic communication between China and India, the safeguarding of the Pamirs against Russian aggression, and the opening of the great Southeastern trade route along the Si-kiang or Canton West River. All the other treaty Powers benefit equally with Great Britain in the commercial privileges wrested from China. In fact, during the last thirty odd years, Great Britain has sought persistently to extend her trade and not to enlarge her dominions at the expense of China. It is true that about 70 per cent. of the foreign trade of the Empire is in British hands, and the lion's share of extension must fall to Great Britain, but the competition is fair and open. If other countries can gain the supremacy, they are free to do so. The only stipulation Great Britain has made with China (and in this she has been followed by most other nations) is that by the 'favoured nation' clause inserted in her treaties she becomes *ipso facto* a sharer in any and all the commercial privileges accorded to other nations. In spite of having territories marching with China, and in spite of the persistent aggression of both France and Russia, Great Britain has consistently adhered to this policy. Anglo-Chinese residents have frequently declaimed against her weakness, and the Imperial authorities have sometimes traded upon her known forbearance; but she has remained true to her commercial instincts and has thus gained the support of all Powers not directly bent upon dismembering China.

'WOMAN, you know, can smile in the face of the world when her heart is breaking.' 'Yes. One of the most pathetic sights in this life is that of a woman being radiant and pleasant with a caller while the smell of a burnt roast is oozing into the room from the kitchen.'

MR Shiraishi, Manager of the Oriental Steamship Company, is to sail from Japan for England on the 26th Feb., to take delivery of the three new steamers that are to be completed in June. Orders have recently been placed also for three large cargo-steamers. The Company hopes to start regular business in August next.—*Hiogo News.*

CANNY SCOT:—'Yours is a poor country.' Paddy:—'Wall, we can afford to wear breeches, anyhow!'

## Intimations.

**Hongkong Tides.**

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. the height given in the table.

11th to 17th March.

| Day of Week. | Day of Month. | HIGH WATER. Hongkong Mean Time. | HIGH WATER. Height. | LOW WATER. Hongkong Mean Time. | LOW WATER. Height. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | h m | ft. in. | h m | ft. in. |
| Fri. | 11 | m 10 51<br>11 17 a | 4 9<br>5 8 | m 4 58<br>4 55 a | —0 4<br>—0 9 |
| Sat. | 12 | m 11 5 | 4 5 | m 4 57<br>5 47 a | 0 1<br>—0 6 |
| Sun. | 13 | m 0 5<br>m 11 46 | 5 3<br>4 7 | m 5 18<br>6 50 a | 0 6<br>—0 7 |
| Mon. | 14 | m 1 24<br>0 55 a | 3 1<br>4 7 | m 5 53<br>8 18 a | 0 11<br>—0 5 |
| Tue. | 15 | m 3 8<br>1 3 a | 1 7<br>4 7 | m 8 0<br>10 4 a | 1 8<br>—0 6 |
| Wed | 16 | No inferior<br>2 5 a | high-<br>4 6 | nor low-<br>11 31 a | water.<br>—0 9 |
| Thu. | 17 | No inferior<br>4 17 a | high-<br>4 5 | nor low- | water. |

**CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.**

March 9th.—AT 4 P.M.

| Station. | Barometer. | Temperature. | Humidity. | Wind. Direction. | Wind. Force. | Weather. | Rain. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W'lostock | 30.18 | 26 | — | NW | 1 | o | — |
| Tokio | 29.94 | — | — | NW | 0 | — | — |
| Kochi | 30.03 | — | — | N | 6 | — | — |
| Nagasaki | 30.11 | — | — | N | 4 | — | — |
| Kagoshima | 30.07 | — | — | — | 0 | — | — |
| Gutzlaff | 30.32 | 38 | 90 | NNE | 6 | cgm | — |
| Sharp Pk. | 30.18 | 50 | 86 | E | 7 | cg | — |
| Amoy | 30.13 | 58 | 76 | ENE | 2 | o | — |
| Swatow | — | — | — | ENE | 3 | o | — |
| Canton | 30.15 | 52 | 91 | NE | 1 | od | — |
| Hongkong | 30.06 | 62 | 78 | N | 2 | o | — |
| Vict. Peak | — | — | — | NNW | 4 | — | — |
| Gap Rock | 30.05 | — | — | NNW | 8 | — | — |
| Macao | 30.12 | 57 | — | NNW | 2 | o | — |
| Haiphong | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bolinao | 29.80 | 81 | 75 | N | 1 | o | — |
| Manila | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| C.S. James | — | — | — | NE | 3 | f | — |

March 10th.—AT 10 A.M.

| Station. | Barometer. | Temperature. | Humidity. | Wind. Direction. | Wind. Force. | Weather. | Rain. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W'lostock | 30.30 | 8 | 67 | NW | 1 | b | — |
| Tokio | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Kochi | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Nagasaki | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Kagoshima | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Gutzlaff | 30.34 | 38 | 91 | N | 4 | ov | — |
| Sharp Pk. | 30.28 | 47 | 74 | E | 4 | o | — |
| Amoy | 30.20 | 53 | 80 | NE | 3 | o | — |
| Swatow | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Canton | 30.22 | 52 | 86 | NNE | 1 | o | — |
| Hongkong | 30.17 | 60 | 65 | E | 1 | ov | — |
| Vict. Peak | — | — | — | ESE | 2 | — | — |
| Gap Rock | 30.15 | — | — | NE | 3 | — | — |
| Macao | 30.18 | 67 | — | NW | 1 | o | — |
| Haiphong | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bolinao | 29.95 | 82 | 79 | SE | 1 | b | — |
| Manila | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| C.S. James | — | — | — | N | 2 | f | — |

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, March 10, 1898.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing shower, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).
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Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 490

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FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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### FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Gerda*, Captain J. EHLERS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

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H. A. RITCHIE,
*Superintendent.*

Hongkong, March 5, 1898. 467

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All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 14th, and THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at 9 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 20th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, March 5, 1898. [illegible]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 14th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

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'The November-December number of the *China Review* contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr Herbert A. Giles on "The New Testament in Chinese" treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. . . . Mr E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuen" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo and Java" might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number.'—*H.K. Daily Press.*

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

*Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.*

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloong shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

*Section.*
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

*Section.*
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's-Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

| *Vessel's Name.* | *Anchorage.* | *Captain.* | *Flag and Rig.* | *Tons nett.* | *Date of Arrival.* | *Consignees or Agents.* | *Destination.* | *Remarks.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steamers.** | | | | | | | | |
| Anapa | 6 c | Williamsen | Brit. str. | 2251 | Feb. 28 | Standard Oil Co. | | |
| Apenrade | 3 c | [illegible]pland | Ger. str. | 611 | Mar. 9 | Jebsen & Co. | | |
| Benvoirlich | 5 c | Thomson | Brit. str. | 2164 | Mar. 9 | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | | |
| Braemar | 5 c | Porter | Brit. str. | 2116 | Mar. 7 | Dodwell, Carlill & Co. | | |
| Butuan | .... | Maddriego | Span. str. | 328 | Feb. 15 | Brandao & Co. | .......... | K'loon Dock |
| Clara | 3 c | Arenkiel | Ger. str. | 675 | Mar. 6 | Jebsen & Co. | | |
| Choysang | 3 c | Bowker | Brit. str. | 1194 | Mar. 10 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Coptic | 5 c | Sealby | Brit. str. | 2744 | Mar. 6 | O. & O. S. S. Co. | | |
| Cosmopolit | .... | Fetz | Ger. str. | 575 | Feb. 4 | Lauts, Wegener & Co. | .......... | K'loon Dock |
| Daphne | .... | Nissen | Ger. str. | 1291 | Feb. 28 | Siemssen & Co. | .......... | K'loon Dock |
| Deucalion | 6 k | Branch | Brit. str. | 1374 | Mar. [illegible] | Butterfield & Swire | Sandakan | March 11. |
| Empress of Japan | 6 h | Lee | Brit. str. | 5904 | Feb. 23 | C. P. R. Co. | Vancouver, B.C. | March 15. |
| Erato | 5 c | Ostermann | Ger. str. | 2100 | Mar. 10 | Siemssen & Co. | Singapore | March 13. |
| Haimun | 5 h | Bathurts | Brit. str. | 636 | Mar. 10 | Douglas Steamship Co. | | |
| Hanoi | 3 c | Menard | French str. | 742 | Mar. 7 | A. R. Marty | Haiphong | March 11. |
| Hansa | 3 c | Martz | Ger. str. | 1202 | Mar. 9 | Carlowitz & Co. | | |
| Gerda | 5 c | Ehlers | Ger. str. | 2165 | Mar. 9 | Siemssen & Co. | Yokohama & Kobe | March 11. |
| Jacob Diedrichsen | 9 c | Schlaikier | Ger. str. | 6[illegible]3 | Mar. 7 | Jebsen & Co. | | |
| Kachidate Maru | 5 k | Narasaki | Japan. str. | 2143 | Mar. 10 | Mitsui Bussan Kaisha | | |
| Keong-wai | 3 c | Unsworth | Brit. str. | 1115 | Mar. 4 | Butterfield & Swire | Swatow & Bangkok | March 11. |
| Kutsang | 5 c | Payne | Brit. str. | 1495 | Mar. 8 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Kwang Lee | .... | Lincoln | Chi. str. | 1505 | Jan. 23 | C. M. S. N. Co. | .......... | K'loon Dock |
| Loyal | 3 c | Lorensen | Ger. str. | 1237 | Mar. 8 | Geo. R. Stevens | Yokohama | March 11. |
| Machew | 3 c | Farrell | Brit. str. | 996 | Mar. 5 | Yuen Fat Hong | | |
| Maria Valerie | 3 c | Mitis | Aus. str. | 3400 | Mar. 10 | Sander, Wieler & Co. | | |
| Martha | .... | Krutzfeldt | Ger. str. | 1418 | Jan. 23 | Melchers & Co. | .......... | K'loon Dock |
| Nanyang | 5 c | Lehmann | Ger. str. | 983 | Mar. 9 | Douglas Steamship Co. | Taiwanfoo | March 11. |
| Paoting | 3 c | Gyles | Brit. str. | 1088 | Mar. 5 | Butterfield & Swire | | |
| Peiyang | 3 c | Kohler | Ger. str. | 953 | Mar. 10 | Siemssen & Co. | Chinkiang | March 11. |
| Peshawur | 5 c | Vibert | Brit. str. | 2202 | Mar. 7 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Nagasaki, &c. | March 12. |
| Propontis | 3 c | Crawford | Brit. str. | 1387 | Mar. 7 | Heung Sing S. S. Co. | | |
| Sishan | 3 c | Jenkins | Brit. str. | 845 | Mar. 10 | Bradley & Co. | | |
| Sullberg | 3 c | Jessen | Ger. str. | 782 | Mar. 4 | A. R. Marty | | |
| Taicheong | 7 c | Achens | Ger. str. | 828 | Mar. 10 | Meyer & Co. | | |
| Taisang | 5 c | Sawer | Brit. str. | 1505 | Mar. 9 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | Kobe | March 11. |
| Tamsui | 3 c | Moore | Brit. str. | 919 | Mar. 5 | Butterfield & Swire | Chefoo | March 11. |
| Tancarville | 9 c | Brown | Ger. str. | 1634 | Mar. 8 | Meyer & Co. | | |
| Tokao Maru | 8 c | Katsura | Japan. str. | 1051 | Mar. 7 | Mitsui Bussan Kaisha | Kobe | March 11. |
| Toyo Maru | 7 c | Kegami | Japan. str. | 2497 | Mar. 5 | Dodwell, Carlill & Co. | | |
| Tritos | 3 c | Dinse | Ger. str. | 1033 | Mar. 9 | Siemssen & Co. | Saigon | March 11. |
| Venus | 6 c | MacGregor | Brit. str. | 2312 | Feb. 26 | Government | | |
| Whampoa | 3 c | Sales | Brit. str. | 1109 | Mar. 6 | Butterfield & Swire | | |
| Wuhu | 3 c | Benson | Brit. str. | 1250 | Mar. 10 | Butterfield & Swire | | |
| Wuotan | .... | Jacobsen | Ger. str. | 1016 | Mar. 5 | Lauts, Wegener & Co. | .......... | Cos'tan Dock |
| **Sailing Vessels.** | | | | | | | | |
| Anna Bertha | 2 k | Nielsen | Ger. bqe. | 269 | Dec. 15 | Chinese | | |
| Atlantic | 2 k | Schneider | Ger. bqe. | 636 | Feb. 25 | Sander, Wieler & Co. | | |
| Contest | 2 k | Reynell | Brit. bqe. | 486 | March 1 | Master | | |
| Genista | 3 k | Hearne | Brit. sh. | 1718 | Feb. 21 | Standard Oil Co. | | |
| Lothair | 2 k | Santa Ferato | Ital. bqe. | 793 | Nov. 22 | Musso. | | |
| Paul Rickmers | 2 k | Walsen | Gr. 4m. bk. | 2540 | Feb. 21 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| R. R. Thomas | 2 k | Blanchard | Amer. sh | 1281 | Feb. 6 | Standard Oil Co. | | |
| Santa Cruz | 2 k | O'Keefe | Amer. sch. | 3[illegible]2 | Dec. 31 | Captain | | |
| Spinaway | 2 k | Johnson | Brit. sch. | 324 | Feb. 25 | Siemssen & Co. | | |
| Tolna | 3 c | Festitices | Amr. sch. | 78 | Mar. 8 | | | |
| West York | .... | | Bri. bqe. | 683 | Oct. 18 | Order | .......... | Cos'tan Dock |

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| Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd. | A 15,000<br>B 10,000<br>25,000 | $ 5<br>$ 5<br>$ 5 | $ 5<br>$ 2½<br>$ 1 | $18, sellers<br>$7, sellers |
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